

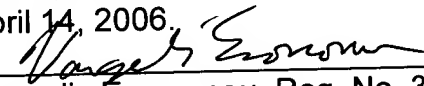


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David H. DaCosta et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/981,145  
Filed: October 16, 2001  
Title: Fuel Gauge for Hydrogen Storage Media  
Grp./A.U.: 2856  
Examiner: West, Paul M.  
Docket No. 40199-10010

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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 16, 2006. This Amendment is being filed within four months of the mailing date of the Office Action. A Request for Extension of Time, extending the period for response for one month, up to April 16, 2006, is submitted herewith together with the fee therefore in the amount of \$60.00. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 7 of this paper.